

Geographic Areas

Area Development Districts (ADD's) – Official groupings of Kentucky counties into 15 multi-county regions for local, state, and federal planning and administration. Boundaries of the districts were set by the state legislature (KRS 147A.050) in 1972. Districts were formed from the contiguous counties on the basis of economic ties, terrain, transportation networks, ease of administration, and other factors.

Cities – Municipalities chartered or incorporated under the provisions of Kentucky laws. Kentucky cities are divided into six classes by the state constitution, on the basis on population. Each class of city has minimum levels of government services set by state statutes. Since classifications are assigned to individual cities by state statutes, some cities may be assigned to the wrong class until they are reclassified by legislative action.

<u>Class of City</u>	<u>Population</u>
First	100,000 or more
Second	20,000 to 99,999
Third	8,000 to 19,999
Fourth	3,000 to 7,999
Fifth	1,000 to 2,000
Sixth	Less than 1,000

For a current list of incorporated cities by class, contact the Kentucky Secretary of State's Office or search the *Kentucky Cities Database* on the web at www.kysos.com/citiesdb.

County – The basic level of local government for all areas in Kentucky. The powers of the Commonwealth 's 120 counties also encompass the territories of cities located within their borders.

Metropolitan Statistical Areas – A geographic entity designated by the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB), based upon officially published standards, for statistical use. A metropolitan statistical area (MSA) is a metropolitan area (MA) that is not closely associated with another MA. An MSA consists of one or more counties, except in New England, where MSAs are defined in terms of county subdivisions (primarily cities and towns).

For related census geographic terms, see the U.S. Census Bureau glossary at www.census.gov/geo/www/tiger/glossary.html#glossary.

Appalachian Counties – Contact the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) or visit their website at www.arc.gov for more information and county status.